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1. An SNB battalion is stationed in Liberec (051/G16) commanded by Major Linhart (fmu), who was formerly in the army, is about 37 years old and a Communist. The Deputy Commander is Staff Captain Drda (fmu), who is about 40 years old and served in the International Brigade in Spain.
2. An SNB Company in Nove Mesto pod Smrkem (Neustadt 051/G28) is part of the battalion in Liberec. It is commanded by Warrant Officer Houba (fmu), a Communist, about 46 years old. The Enlightenment Officer is Warrant Officer Iska. The practice of having enlightenment officers for each company is an innovation. This company does not yet have a radio transmitter.
3. The following platoons form part of the company in Nove Mesto pod Smrkem:
 - One platoon in Nove Mesto pod Smrkem consisting of 12-15 men.
 - One platoon in Jindrichovice pod Smrkem consisting of 12-15 men.
 - One platoon in Bulovka which has a forward detachment section in Habartice (N50/I10) consisting of 22 men.
4. The platoon in Bulovka is commanded by Warrant Officer Ludes (fmu), and his deputy is Warrant Officer Ladislav Kasperlik. The platoon is connected by field telephone to a nearby platoon at Frydlan v Cechach which, in turn, has a radio transmitter.
5. The following weapons and equipment have been issued:
 - a. 1 light machine gun.
 - b. 3 Sten sub-machine guns provided by the Finance Guard.
 - c. Every man has a Russian sub-machine gun.
 - d. The officers have carbines. There are also some carbines in reserve.
 - e. CZ pistols, 7.65 c. caliber with two magazines.
 - f. Hand grenades.
 - g. 6 CZ motorcycles.

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6. All those who served under the pre-war Republic are to be discharged as fast as SNB men can be trained to replace them. The SNB battalion at Liberec has a school where SNB recruits are trained by military instructors and old SNB men. By 4 August 1949 there will be 300 new SNB men available for replacements. They are all to be stationed in the frontier areas. The training course lasts three months. Candidates are considered according to their knowledge of the history of the Communist party.
7. SNB units in the Sumava area are being augmented by other SNB units from northern Bohemia. Informant has seen army men at Plana near Marianske Lazne (N50/P56). These men are to be given SNB insignia in order to hide the fact that there are army units on the border.

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* [REDACTED] Comment: It is not clear whether these weapons apply to a company or a platoon.

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